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1. The SMA has instituted a three to four months' training course for German political leaders in the former Home for the Blind at Konigswusterhausen. Until recently only members of the SED were admitted to the school, but ten members of the LDP and fifteen members of the CDU are participating in the course now being given. In the majority of cases the parties were not consulted in the selection of these students, but each candidate was called directly by the SMA. They were informed that the course was obligatory, and it was indicated that measures would be taken to force a reversal of decision in the event they should refuse to attend.
2. The "Antifa-Schule", as it is called, is directed by Major Mantens, a German who emigrated to Russia during the 1920's. Lectures are given by Russian instructors who not only excel in their own specialized fields, but give evidence of having had a good classical education. These lectures are presented intelligently, and the propaganda contained in them is well disguised. Subjects taught are the following: Russian History; History of the Russian Revolution; History of the Socialist Movement; Communistic Tactics and Strategy; Constitution, Structure, and Atlas of the Soviet Union. Textbooks are furnished, but cannot be taken out of the school. Students now taking the course number 150 and are divided into six groups with German leaders.
3. During the time necessary for completion of the course the student receives his regular salary, food ration card number 1, and supplementary food grants. In addition, there is an allowance of 300 RM per month, from which 115 RM are deducted for cigarettes and similar items. There are no vacations, but the student is free to spend the week-ends as he chooses.

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